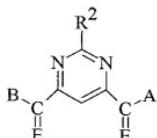


CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for inhibiting matrix metalloproteinase enzymes in a mammal comprising administering an MMP inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula I



I

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
wherein:

R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆

10 alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃;

E is independently O or S,

A and B independently are OR⁴ or NR⁴R⁵,

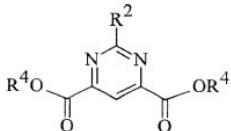
R⁴ and R⁵ independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆

alkynyl, (CH₂)_n aryl, (CH₂)_n cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or R⁴

15 and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted;

n is an integer from 0 to 6.

- 20 2. A method for inhibiting matrix metalloproteinase enzymes in a mammal comprising administering an MMP inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula II



II

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R^2 is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃; and

each R^4 and R^5 independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆

alkynyl, (CH₂)_n aryl, (CH₂)_n cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or R^4

and R^5 when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are

attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, containing carbon

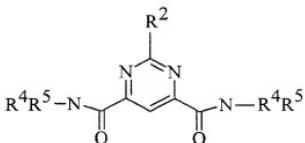
atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S,

or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted.

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- 3 A method for inhibiting matrix metalloproteinase enzymes in a mammal comprising administering an MMP inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula III



III

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R^2 is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃,

R^4 and R^5 independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆

alkynyl, (CH₂)_n aryl, (CH₂)_n cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or R^4

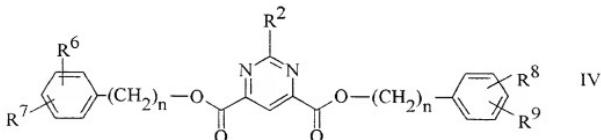
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and R^5 when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are

attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring containing carbon

atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted.

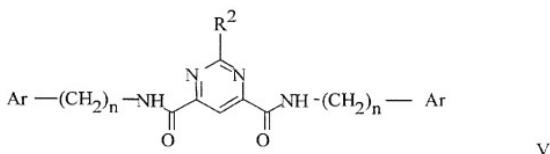
4. A method for inhibiting matrix metalloproteinase enzymes in a mammal comprising administering an MMP inhibiting amount of a compound of
5 Formula IV



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
wherein n is 0 to 6;

R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃; each R⁴ and R⁵ independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, (CH₂)_n aryl, (CH₂)_n cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or R⁴ and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted, and R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, and R⁹ independently are hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, nitro, or NH₂

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5. A method for inhibiting matrix metalloproteinase enzymes in a mammal comprising administering an MMP inhibiting amount of a compound of
Formula V



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
wherein n is 0 to 6;

R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆

alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃;

5 R⁴ and R⁵ independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆

alkynyl, (CH₂)_n aryl, (CH₂)_n cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or R⁴ and R⁵
when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete
a 3- to 8-membered ring, containing carbon atoms and optionally
containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally

substituted or unsubstituted;

Each Ar independently is aryl or Het,

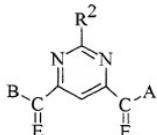
Aryl is phenyl or substituted phenyl;

Het is an unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl group

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6. A compound having Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆

20 alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃,

E is independently O or S,

A and B independently are OR⁴ or NR⁴R⁵,

R⁴ and R⁵ independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆

alkynyl, (CH₂)_n aryl, (CH₂)_n cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or R⁴

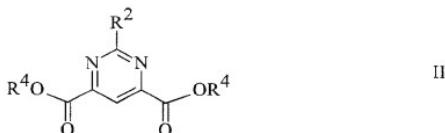
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and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are

attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted;

n is an integer from 0 to 6

- 5 7 A compound of Formula II



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

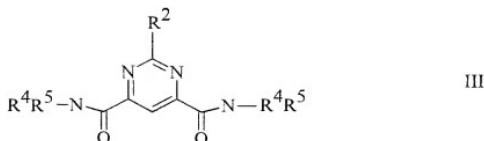
C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃; and

10 each R⁴ and R⁵ independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, (CH₂)_n aryl, (CH₂)_n cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or R⁴ and R⁵ when taken together with a nitrogen to which they are both attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S,

15 or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted;

n is an integer from 0 to 6

8. A compound of Formula III



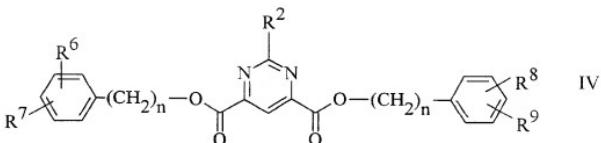
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

20 wherein R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃,

R⁴ and R⁵ independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, (CH₂)_n aryl, (CH₂)_n cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or R⁴ and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted;
n is an integer from 0 to 6.

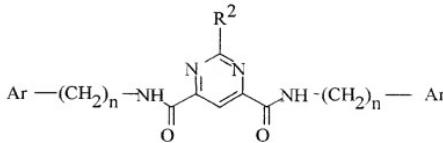
9 A compound of Formula IV



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
wherein Each n independently is an integer of from 0 to 6;
R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃; and R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, and R⁹ independently are hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, nitro, or NH₂;

R⁴ and R⁵ independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, (CH₂)_n aryl, (CH₂)_n cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or R⁴ and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring containing carbon atoms and optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted.

10. A compound of Formula V



V

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

wherein n is 0 to 6;

R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆

5 alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃;

R⁴ and R⁵ independently are H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆

alkynyl, (CH₂)_n aryl, (CH₂)_n cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or R⁴ and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached complete

a 3- to 8-membered ring containing carbon atoms and optionally

10 containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted or unsubstituted

Each Ar independently is aryl or Het;

Aryl is phenyl or substituted phenyl;

Het is an unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl group

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11. A compound selected from:

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-chloro-benzylamide), [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide];

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide],

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), (4-methoxy-benzylamide),

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), (3-methoxy-benzylamide);

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Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carbomethoxy-benzylamide), (3-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide),
(3-pyridylmethylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide).
(3-thiophenemethylamide),

5 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl)
amide, [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide],

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzooxadiazol-5-ylmethyl)
amide, [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide];

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl)
10 amide, (4-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl)
amide, (3-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid bis-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl) ester,
Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-chloro-benzylamide);

15 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-
amide],

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-methoxy-benzylamide),

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(3-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-carboxy-benzylamide), and

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-carbomethoxy-benzylamide)

20 12. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising an MMP-13 inhibiting amount
of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

25 13. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 12, comprising an
MMP-13 inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula II, or a
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically
acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient

30 14. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 12, comprising an
MMP-13 inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula III, or a

pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

15. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 12, comprising an
5 MMP-13 inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula IV, or a
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically
acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient

10 16. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 12, comprising an
MMP-13 inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula V, or a
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically
acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

15 17. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 12, comprising a
compound selected from:

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-chloro-benzylamide), [(1,3-
benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide];

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), [(1,3-
benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide].

20 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), (4-methoxy-
benzylamide),

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide), (3-methoxy-
benzylamide),

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carbomethoxy-benzylamide),
(3-methoxy-benzylamide).

25 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide),
(3-pyridylmethylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (4-carboxy-benzylamide),
(3-thiophenemethylamide);

30 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl)
amide, [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide];

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzooxadiazol-5-ylmethyl)
amide, [(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-amide],

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl) amide, (4-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, (2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl) amide, (3-methoxy-benzylamide);

5 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid bis-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl) ester;

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-chloro-benzylamide),

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)- amide];

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-methoxy-benzylamide);

10 Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(3-methoxy-benzylamide);

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-carboxy-benzylamide), and

Pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylic acid, bis-(4-carbomethoxy-benzylamide), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient

15 18. A method for inhibiting an MMP-13 enzyme in an animal, comprising administering to the animal an MMP-13 inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. A method for treating a cancer, comprising administering to a patient having cancer and in need of treatment an anticancer effective amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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20. A method for treating breast carcinoma, comprising administering to a patient having cancer and in need of treatment an anticancer effective amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

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21. A method for treating heart failure, comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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22. A method for treating inflammation, comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 5 23. A method for treating osteoarthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 10 24. A method for treating rheumatoid arthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 15 25. A method of treating a disease or disorder selected from cancer, heart failure, inflammation, rheumatoid arthritis, and osteoarthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula II, III, IV, or V. or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.